
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE FACILITY FOR THEIR
ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES SUCCESSES AND AWARDS.

1 WHEREAS, the Pacific Missile Range Facility, located on the
2 Island of Kaua'i, is the world's largest instrumented, multi-
3 environment training and test range, encompassing 2.1 million
4 square miles of sea, air, and space; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Pacific Missile Range Facility's main base is
7 located on Barking Sands, bordered on one side by the Pacific
8 Ocean, and inland by the Mana Plain, a former wetland of
9 approximately 7,000 acres; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Pacific Missile Range Facility is home to an
12 abundance of natural and native resources, including both
13 Endangered Species Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act protected
14 species and encompasses some of the most sacred cultural sites
15 on the Island of Kaua'i; and
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17 WHEREAS, in 2014, the Pacific Missile Range Facility
18 received the Secretary of the Navy Natural Resources
19 Conservation Environmental Award in the small installation
20 category; the award recognized the Pacific Missile Range
21 Facility's environmental management programs including
22 protecting the nocturnal fledgling migratory seabird; the Laysan
23 Albatross surrogate parenting program; the seabird tissue
24 archival and monitoring project; and the eradication of long-
25 thorned kiawe, allowing a zero percent loss of the nocturnal
26 fledgling migratory seabird during the 2013 fallout season; and
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28 WHEREAS, in 2015, the Pacific Missile Range Facility
29 received both the Secretary of the Navy Cultural Resources
30 Management Award and the Chief Naval Operations Award in the
31 small installation category for their Integrated Cultural
32 Resources Management Plan, recognizing the Pacific Missile Range



1 Facility's cultural projects involving the installation of
2 interpretive and education signage throughout the Main Base on
3 Barking Sands and the implementation of physical site protection
4 measures for cultural deposits eroding from the coastal sand
5 dunes; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Pacific Missile Range Facility worked to
8 recover a Japanese navigational buoy in the Pacific Missile
9 Range Facility's waters that was torn during the 2011 tsunami
10 disaster from the harbor of Kaua'i's Sister City of Iwaki City,
11 Japan; the recovery of the buoy culminated in an international
12 ceremony and a permanent public display; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
16 Session of 2015, that this body hereby congratulates the Pacific
17 Missile Range Facility for its environmental and cultural
18 resources successes and awards, and recognizes and applauds the
19 facility for their stewardship of the land and their strong
20 community involvement.
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